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SUBJ: SOVIET TRAVEL CONTROLS: CAR TRAVEL

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1. FROM RECENT HISTORY OF SOVIET IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAVEL CONTROLS (REF A AND B) IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT EMBASSY MOTORISTS TRAVELING BEYOND 40- KILOMETER RADIUS FROM MOSCOW ARE IN FACT LIMITED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO INTOURIST HIGHWAY ROUTES. WHEN ASKED POINT -BLANK WHETHER THIS WAS SO IN RECENT CONVERSATION, MFA TRAVEL OFFICER (SEMYONOV) CONCEDED THAT IT WAS " EXCEPT FOR A FEW PECULIARITIES," ARGUING THAT SOVIET GOVERNMENT DID NOT WISH TO DISCRIMINATE AGAINST FOREIGN TOURISTS AND THAT ROADS WERE OFTEN BAD. WHEN PRESSED HE ADMITTED THAT THERE WERE ALSO "OTHER REASONS."

2. IN VIEW OF ABOVE PATTERN EMBASSY PROPOSES THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER RESTRICTING SOVIET EMBASSY MOTORISTS TO INTERSTATE HIGHWAY NETWORK IN U.S. EXCEPT FOR DAY TRIPS FROM WASHINGTON INVOLVING NO OVERNIGHT STAY. THIS RETALITORY MOVE WOULD STILL LEAVE BALANCE OF BENEFIT ON SOVIET SIDE SINCE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY NETWORK IN U.S. IS FAR MORE EXTENSIVE AND GIVES ACCESS TO FAR
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MORE CITIES THAN INTOURIST NETWORK HERE. IMPLEMENTA-

TION WOULD BE EASY AND AVOID DIFFICULTY OF CONSTRUCTING
ARTIFICIAL COUNTERPART TO INTOURIST ROUTES HERE.

3. EMBASSY APPRECIATES FACT THAT WIDER CONTEXT OF
U.S.- SOVIET RELATIONS MAY MAKE IT INAPPROPRIATE TO
UNDERTAKE SUCH A RETALIATORY MOVE AT PRESENT MOMENT.
WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT AT SOME POINT SOON IT WOULD
BE A USEFUL STEP IN THE EFFORT TO BRING IMPLEMENTATION
OF TRAVEL CONTROLS IN U.S. INTO LINE WITH REALITY HERE
AND TO INDUCE SOVIETS TO RELAX THEIR TRAVEL RESTRIC-
TIONS.

4. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED.
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